








Potential Legislative Impacts of COVID-19 Situation

Country	Appl. COVID Laws to protect Borrowers	Overview of Measures
<p>Germany</p> 	<p>Draft Law for the Mitigation of the consequences of the COVID-19 pandemic</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Moratorium on the fulfilment of contractual claims (like mortgage or rent payments) for those debtors financially affected by the virus, envisaged for the time being until 30.09.2020 • Suspension of duty to file for insolvency till end of September 2020 and partial suspension of directors' duties. Under existing law directors need to files for insolvency within three weeks of the company becoming cash-flow insolvent and/or balance-sheet insolvent • Support program for businesses (coverage of reduced working hours compensation, tax easements, guarantee and loan program, state shareholdings)
<p>Netherlands</p> 	<p>No specific changes to insolvency law or moratoriums yet</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dutch Government has not (yet) introduced any laws or regulations to protect borrowers as a consequence of the crisis. Leading Dutch banks have jointly announced that there are possibilities to temporarily suspend payment obligations (for six months) • No collective measures for the suspension of, for example, lease payments or the costs of utilities • What has been introduced, were Initiatives by the Dutch government to support companies who cannot obtain a loan or suspend obligation to pay certain taxes
<p>Spain</p> 	<p>Royal Law Decree 8/2020: Payment holiday of mortgage loans</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Spanish Government has introduced a Moratorium on the payment of mortgage loans for those debtors considered "economically vulnerable" and financially affected by the Virus • In addition to that, Government announced a state aid package (loan and guarantee package, state shareholdings, tax deferrals, handouts to struggling businesses)
<p>UK</p> 	<p>No formal legislation yet, drafts work in progress</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Up to 3 months mortgage holiday (including BTL to protect landlords) for affected borrowers. Interest is still accruing but individual credit ratings will not be affected. No tenant- evictions for 3 months, rents will accrue for the time period and tenant still be liable • No new possession proceedings through court applications .Repossessions to be halted irrespective of stage • State aid package (Job retention scheme, salary support to workers, business rates relief, handouts to struggling businesses, Tax deferrals, COVID Corporate Financing Facility, loan and guarantee package)
<p>France</p> 	<p>Emergency Law (22 March 2020)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Deferral of payment of rents and utility bills for smallest enterprises • €345bn state aid package (coverage of unemployment costs, deferral of direct taxes and social security contributions, loan and guarantees, rescue package (incl. state shareholdings)
<p>Poland</p> 	<p>In initial stages legislation for debt/rent moratorium</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Polish government is currently working on issuing legislation that will regulate a potential moratorium on debt and / or rental payments
<p>Belgium</p> 	<p>No formal legislation yet</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Federal Finance Minister reached an agreement with the banking sector and the National Bank of Belgium to offer suspension of payments on business loans and mortgages until the end of September 2020 and a guarantee scheme for new loans and credit lines for up to 12 months